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SHAYS, JOHNSON, SIMMONS ANNOUNCE VETERANS' FUNDING ON THE WAY TO CONNECTICUT

\$2.99 Million In Federal Funding For Water System Repair At Rocky Hill Vets Home

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs will receive a \$2.99 million check from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for the Connecticut Veterans' Home at Rocky Hill, U.S. Reps. Christopher Shays, Nancy Johnson and Rob Simmons announced today. The funding will fund a water system repair for the facility

"The men and women who have served our country deserve a comfortable residence," Shays said. "This funding will help improve the facility for the veterans living at Rocky Hill and I was pleased to support this funding."

"This is a big win for Connecticut's veterans and for the Veterans' Home in Rocky Hill," Johnson said. "Our veterans have made tremendous sacrifices in defense of our freedom, and I will continue fighting to see that they get the benefits they deserve."

"This is great news for our veterans," Simmons said. "In 1864, the state of Connecticut established the Rocky Hill Veterans' Home for wounded and homeless Union soldiers. At the time, it represented one of the nation's earliest commitments to our veterans. Almost 150 years later, we are once again showing our commitment to providing the best care possible for Connecticut's veterans."

The \$2.99 million grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will cover 65 percent of the anticipated cost of the project.

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